

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

In re: : Case No.: 19-23840-GLT
James R. Johns : Chapter: 13
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Debtor(s). : Date: 5/31/2023
Time: 10:00

PROCEEDING MEMO

MATTER: #142 - Application to Employ Massimo A. Terzini, Esquire and
Law Offices of Joel Sansone as Special Counsel for
Debtor
#140 - Response filed by Ronda J Winnecour

APPEARANCES:
Debtor: Abagale Steidl [Massimo A. Terzini]
Trustee: Owen Katz

NOTES: [10:08]

Court: Issue is when the date of employment should be approved.

Katz: Questions current status of the case, and also the payment arrangement.

Terzini: Employment discrimination action. Fee arrangement (\$5,000 retainer plus 40% contingency fee) is standard for the type of arrangement. Paused action when bankruptcy was discovered to request approval. Was at early neutral evaluation. No discovery yet.

Court: Nothing to suggest extraordinary circumstances - engagement was initiated after the bankruptcy commenced. Recommends reviewing In re Young, 646 B.R. 779 (Bankr. W.D. Pa. 2022).

OUTCOME:

1) For the reasons stated on the record, the *Application to Employ Special Counsel for Debtor* [Dkt. No. 138] is APPROVED with modifications. [DB to enter proposed order at Dkt. No. 138 with modifications].

DATED: 5/31/2023